

with all its neighbours, including Bangladesh. We would like to increase contacts at all levels with Bangladesh; this would not only help us to resolve our bilateral problems but also to lay the foundations for enduring friendship and understanding. President Zia's visit to India from 21st to 22nd January provided a valuable opportunity for a useful exchange of views.

Sunning of a fast train between Delhi and Bhubaneswar

101. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to run a fast train from Delhi to Bhubaneswar; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

President Zia-ul-Haq's Statement on Developments in Afghanistan

102. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement of Gen. Zia-ul-Haq, President of Pakistan, to the effect that the Soviet Union borders have been extended to the Khyber Pass and Chaman and also to the report appearing in a section of press that there is a possibility of Soviet troops entering Pakistan in pursuit of Afghan rebels;

(b) If so, what was Government's reaction in this regard; and

(c) -what action is being taken to safeguard the country's security?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government have expressed concern at the developments in our region and emphasised that any situation arising out of the use of force in international relations and intervention or interference in the internal affairs of sovereign States is inadmissible. Government believe that in order to stop further escalation of tension, all States should refrain from any action which could intensify great power rivalry and bring back the cold war, especially through dangerous arms build-up liable to threaten peace and stability in sensitive regions.

The Government have been in touch with the countries in the sub-continent, the Soviet Union, U.S.A., China and other countries in this regard.

Indo-Soviet Friendship treaty

103. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take a fresh look at the Indo-Soviet friendship treaty in view of the recent developments in Afghanistan;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement made by Dr. L. M. Singhvi, an eminent jurist in this connection, which appeared in the Press on 7th January, 1980; and

(c) if the reply to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Shifting of construction accounts Office from Trivandrum Railway Division

104. SHRI S. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to

shift the construction accounts office and executive engineer's office from Trivandrum Railway Division to Madras; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF: (a) No. As far as Accounts Office is concerned all the staff employed in the Construction Closing Cell at Trivandrum have been absorbed in the newly set up Trivandrum Divisional Accounts Office. Casual labour staff have been transferred under the Executive Engineer, Trivandrum. The posts against which the staff transferred to Trivandrum Division had been working, have been surrendered after their transfer. Therefore, there is no construction Accounts Office as such at Trivandrum.

The Executive Engineering Office at Trivandrum Central will continue for a years more depending on the volume of work.

(b) Does not arise.

अफगानिस्तान में चीनी छापामार

105. श्री सदाशिव बागाईतकर : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को अफगानिस्तान के कुछ क्षेत्रों में चीनी छापामारों के मौजूद होने के बारे में कोई सूचना प्राप्त हुई है ;

(ख) क्या अफगानिस्तान की वर्तमान स्थिति भारत की सुरक्षा के लिए खतरा पैदा कर रही है और इस उप-महाद्वीप की शांति के लिए खतरा बन गयी है ; और

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो सरकार भारत की सुरक्षा की दृष्टि से क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है?

f[Chinese guerillas in Afghanistan

105. SHRI SADASHTV BAGAITKAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any information about the presence of Chinese guerillas in some areas of Afghanistan;

(b) whether the prevailing situation in Afghanistan is posing a threat to the security of India and has endangered the maintenance of peace in the sub-continent; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take for the security of India?]

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(क) जी नहीं । लेकिन सरकार ने समाचार-पत्रों में ऐसी खबरें देखी हैं कि अफगानिस्तान के कुछ भागों में चीनी कामिक मौजूद हैं । इन खबरों की स्वतन्त्र रूप से कोई पुष्टि नहीं हो पायी है ।

(ख) और (ग). अफगानिस्तान की हाल की घटनाओं से तथा इस क्षेत्र की बाद की घटनाओं से भारत की बहुत अधिक चिन्ता हुई है और इन घटनाओं पर सरकार गम्भीर रूप से ध्यान दे रही है । सरकार ने जोर देते हुये यह बात कही है कि अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सम्बन्धों में शक्ति के प्रयोग के परिणामस्वरूप उत्पन्न होने वाली कोई स्थिति और किसी प्रभुसत्ता प्राप्त राज्यों के आंतरिक मामलों में हस्तक्षेप या दखलंदाजी अस्वीकार्य है । सरकार को यह आशा है कि तनाव को और बढ़ने से रोकने के उद्देश्य से कोई भी राज्य कोई ऐसी कार्यवाही नहीं करेगा

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